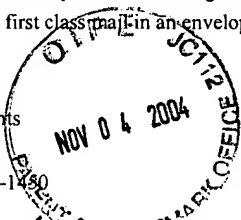


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Applicant no longer claims the benefit of small entity status. The issue fee transmittal has been corrected to reflect the change in status.

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